

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 9118

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 8, 2005

Application of ROLIFA INC. for a)
Certificate of Authority --)
Irregular Route Operations)

Case No. AP-2005-172

By application accepted for filing October 13, 2005, Rolifa Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with three vans. Applicant's proposed tariff contains an hourly group charter rate and individual zip-code based fares for transportation to and from Union Station as well as to and from Ronald Reagan Washington National and Washington-Dulles International Airports.

Applicant's president, Olufemi Alufa, once controlled Adonai Ventures, Inc., which held WMATC Certificate No. 744 from February 13, 2003, to January 28, 2004, when it was revoked in Order No. 7696 for Adonai's willful failure to comply with the Commission's insurance regulation, Regulation No. 58.¹

Order No. 7696 gave Adonai thirty days to remove its WMATC number from its vehicle(s), file an affidavit with the Commission verifying removal, and surrender Certificate No. 744. Adonai has yet to comply. In addition Adonai neither paid the \$100 annual fee for 2004 nor filed its annual report for 2003, which were both outstanding when Certificate No. 744 was revoked.²

The history of Certificate No. 744 has a bearing on this application because the past conduct of an applicant's owners and officers is relevant to a determination of applicant's compliance fitness.³ Under the circumstances, applicant will be directed to explain why the Commission should not find applicant unfit given the failure of applicant's president to ensure Adonai's compliance with Commission requirements.

¹ In re Adonai Ventures Inc., No. MP-03-170, Order No. 7696 (Jan. 28, 2004). Applicant's president identified himself as Folorunso Olufemi Alufa in connection with the application of Adonai Ventures Inc. in 2002.

² Id.

³ In re Nevah Transports, LLC, No. AP-02-121, Order No. 7001 (Jan. 21, 2003).

In addition, applicant's president will be directed to verify in accordance with Commission Rule No. 28 that Adonai ceased operating as of December 2, 2003, the date Certificate No. 744 was automatically suspended. Inasmuch as Adonai's tariff contained rates for service rendered to clients of the District of Columbia Department of Health, Medical Assistance Administration, (DC Medicaid), such verification shall include confirmation from DC Medicaid.

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than November 22, 2005, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than December 6, 2005:

- a. An affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.
- b. A statement explaining why the Commission should not find applicant unfit given the failure of applicant's president to ensure Adonai Ventures Inc.'s compliance with Commission Order No. 7696 and fulfillment of its obligation to file an annual report for 2003 and pay the \$100 annual fee for 2004.
- c. A notarized statement from applicant's president verifying in accordance with Commission Rule No. 28 that Adonai Ventures Inc. ceased operating as of December 2, 2003, plus confirmation from the District of Columbia Department of Health, Medical Assistance Administration.

3. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing is December 6, 2005, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Olufemi Alufa, 9321 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, MD 20706.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



William S. Morrow, Jr.
Executive Director